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SUBJECT:VISIT TO U.S. OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL
RAMPHAL

1. UK EMBASSY MIAISTER JOHN MORETON TOLD ME RECENTLY THAT
UK HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH PROFESSOR JAMES BILLINGTON,
DIRECTOR OF THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER FOR SCHOLARS,
(UNDER THE SMITHSONIAN) AN INVITATION FOR SONNY RAMPHAL
TO VISIT WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER OR FALL. I TALKED WITH
JIM WHO TELLS ME THAT HE HAS SENT AN OPEN ENDED
INVITATION TO RAMPHAL WHICH DESCRIBES THE CENTER AND
PROPOSES THAT A PROGRAM COULD BE BUILT AROUND HIS VISIT
THAT COULD INVOLVE ANYTHING FROM AN EVENING "DIALOGUE"
SESSION OVER DINNER TO A SERIES OF CONFERENCES AND
MEETINGS ON THE NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES EXTENDED OVER SEVERAL
DAYS OR EVEN WEEKS. BILLINGTON IS DESIROUS OF EXPANDING
THE CENTER'S ATTENTION TO THIRD WORLD AND WOULD BE
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DELIGHTED IF RAMPHAL COULD BECOME FOCUS FOR ONE OR

SEVERAL EVENTS ON THESE THEMES. BILLINGTON IS, HOWEVER, CONCERNED THAT HIS PROPOSAL MAY APPEAR TOO VAGUE TO RAMPHAL.

2. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY TO RAMPHAL INFORMALLY, FOLLOWING UP OUR FRIENDLY CHAT WHEN I WAS IN LONDON, MY SENSE THAT THE CENTER'S INVITATION WOULD BE A FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MEET SOME KEY SCHOLARS AND MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION IN A PRESTIGIOUS WASHINGTON SETTING. OTHER USEFUL MEETINGS COULD BE ORGANIZED WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON. IF HE WOULD LIKE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CENTER WE COULD SUPPLY IT. PLEASE PASS HIM MY WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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